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NPIC/P&DS/D/6-717
11 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Staff, NPIC

ATTENTION: Chief, Logistics Branch, Support Staff

SUBJECT: Payment Holdup - Contract [REDACTED]

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1. Under contract [REDACTED] fabricated and delivered six High Power Comparator Head Assemblies. Four of these have been signed off as being received by the technical monitor. The remaining two, although in-house, have not been signed for.

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2. [REDACTED] was to substitute [REDACTED] eyepieces and objective lens (GFE) in place of their own manufacture since higher resolving power was gained with the [REDACTED] optics. Supplied for the six comparator heads were five sets of [REDACTED] optical components (the sixth set was not available at the time of shipment) consisting of the following:

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- 1 Pair [REDACTED] 3x objectives [REDACTED]
- 1 Pair [REDACTED] 6x objectives [REDACTED]
- 1 Pair [REDACTED] 10x objectives [REDACTED]
- 1 Pair [REDACTED] Compensating Wide Field High Point Eyepieces, 10x [REDACTED]
- 1 Pair [REDACTED] Compensating Eyepieces, 6x [REDACTED]

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3. In plant inspection and acceptance of the first four heads was made on 1 July 1965. The heads were subsequently installed on the comparators, and installation of the completed instruments at NPIC was made. Since installation, it has been disclosed that the instruments (stereo head portion) will not focus on the internal reticule with the 6x [REDACTED] eyepieces. This can be construed as an error on the part of P&DS for not discovering the problem at the time of inspection. It is felt however, that [REDACTED] did not design the head for any eyepiece except the [REDACTED] 10x. All references in the inspection report are to the 10x eyepiece only and none to the 6x. Also, the box containing the 6x eyepieces was returned intact and wrapped exactly as it was sent to them, indicating that [REDACTED] did not even try the 6x eyepieces themselves.

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4. The matter was brought to the attention of the [REDACTED] contracting officer [REDACTED] on 7 January 1966. He is to look into the problem with the cognizant engineer and hopefully recommend a solution. Meanwhile, it is recommended that payment for Item 2 under the contract be held pending a workable solution.

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